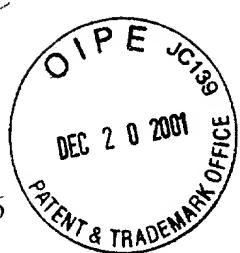


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Sir:

In response to the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted (copy attached) of November 19, 2001, the period for response being set to expire January 21, 2002 (January 19, 2002 being a Saturday), please find enclosed:

- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, attached to a copy of the application in French as originally filed (including 12 pages of the specification with abstract and 8 sheets of drawings).
- a Preliminary Amendment
- an English Language Translation of the application (17 pages with abstract).
- a Substitute specification for application No. 09/973,035 (16 pages with abstract).
- a Marked-up version of the substitute specification for application No. 09/973,035(16 pages with abstract).

- a check in the amount of \$260.00 for which \$130.00 is payment for the english translation of the application and \$130.00 as payment of the surcharge for late filing of the declaration.

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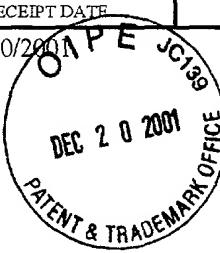


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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